

## Ansonia Police Department

2 Elm St, Ansonia CT 06401

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## CASE/INCIDENT REPORT

SUPPLEMENTARY

Report #: 1200002824 - 00004167

SHOOTER: PO JONATHAN TROESSER

CFS NO. 1200002824	DAY 7	INCIDENT DATE 03/03/2012 Thru 03/03/2012	TIME 17:27	DATE OF RPT 03/03/2012	TIME OF RPT 21:57	TYPE OF INCIDENT DOG/ANIMAL COMPLAINT	INCIDENT CD 392	INVESTIGATING OFFICER Patrol Troesser, Jonathan	BADGE NO 45
DIVISION	DIVISION NO.		REFERENCE DIVISION	REFERENCE DIVISION NO.	CASE X-REFERENCE	UNIT ID 45	TYPIST T9512	DATE TYPED 03/03/2012	TIME TYPED 21:57
STREET NO. 00005	STREET NAME AND TYPE Myrtle Ave Ansonia		APARTMENT NO / LOCATION		INTERSECTING STREET NAME AND TYPE		STATUS Active	TOWN CD 002	

OFFENSE Animal Complaint	LOCAL X-REF CODE 392	IBR CODE 90Z	ATT/COMP Completed	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION Residence/home
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STATUS CODE C=COMPLAINANT V=VICTIM A=ARRESTEE J=JUVENILE H=OTHER M=MISSING W=WITNESS O=OFFENDER D=DRIVER S=SUSPECT P=POLICE OFFICER T=TOT

STATUS	NAME	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.	TELEPHONE	ADDRESS	OP STATE & NO.
C	Kaliszewski, Steed	M	W	05/01/1992	Hom [REDACTED]	59 King's Ct Derby CT	
H	Griffin Hospital Emergency Services				Bus (203) 735 - 7421	130 Division St. Derby CT	
O	Trapp, Paul	M	W	03/28/1985	Cel [REDACTED]	34 Judson Pl Ansonia CT	CT 037644989
P	PAT Okkenberg, Bernard	M	W		Bus (203) 735 - 1885	2 Elm St Ansonia CT	CT 056476294
P	PAT Loschiavo, Jackie	F	W	07/06/1979	Bus (203) 735 - 1885	2 Elm St Ansonia CT	CT 077142696
P	PAT Diaz, Matt	M	W		Bus (203) 735 - 1885	2 Elm St Ansonia CT	CT
P	PATS Henry, Edward		W		Bus (203) 735 - 1885	2 Elm St Ansonia CT	CT
O	Trapp, Racquel	F	W	07/01/1985	Hom [REDACTED]	34 Judson Pl Ansonia CT	CT
P	Troesser, Jon				Bus (203) 735 - 1885	2 Elm St Ansonia CT	CT
H	Williams, Margaret	F	W	07/20/1960	Hom [REDACTED]	206 Coppermine Rd Unionville CT	CT
P	ACO Roslonowski, Jeanie						CT
H	Ciocci-Jeanette, Lindsey	F	W	08/22/1977		38 Palisade Av Trumbull CT	CT

On 3/4/2012 at approximately 1727 hours, this department received a phone call from an area resident who stated that there was a pitbull roaming in the area of 5 Myrtle Avenue and had already attacked someone. I was dispatched to the area along with Officer Jackie Loschiavo and Officer Matt Diaz. I arrived on scene first and was met by several area residents in the area of Myrtle Avenue and Judson Place. A male approached me and stated that the dog had attacked a male who had since left to go to the hospital for treatment. Several other area residents started yelling and pointing northbound down Judson Place and stated that the dog was running up the hill in the back yard of one of the houses. Officer Loschiavo and Officer Diaz arrived at that time. The three of us located a white pitbull running behind 34 Judson Place. The dog was barking and was running frantically back and forth on the hill behind the residence. Another neighbor stated that the dog was from 34 Judson Place.

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We advised all of the neighbors outside to go into their houses. Several neighbors listened and went inside but others did not do so. There were also parties outside on the sidewalk with two small dogs near the intersection of Judson Place and Cottage Street. Officer Diaz removed a snare from his patrol vehicle to attempt to catch the dog.

The rear yard of 34 Judson Place had what appeared to be six foot fences on both sides that extended from the back corners of the house to a rear stone wall which was slightly shorter than the fences. The white pitbull was able to jump up and down the stone wall with ease. Above the stone wall was a large dirt hill where the dog continued to run from side to side. When I began to walk toward the backyard on the North side of the residence. The white pitbull came charging towards me and was barking aggressively. I backed off of the yard and stepped back into the street. The dog stopped on the grass as I pulled out my department issued HK USP 45 pistol Serial #25-109079. The dog continued to act in an aggressive manner towards myself and the other officers on scene. He would continue to run back and forth to both sides of the residence and behind the neighboring houses as well. Each time we attempted to approach the dog, it would charge at us barking and growling. It did not appear as though there was any way to apprehend the animal due to its extremely aggressive behavior and the dog was clearly not contained in the yard in any way. Based upon the actions of the dog, I knew that myself and my fellow officers were at risk of being attacked by the dog. Other area residents that were outside of the yards were also at risk and I deemed it necessary to dispatch the dog. I waited until the dog stopped in a location in the front yard where there was a safe backstop to discharge my pistol. The dog stopped on the grass in front of the residence to the right of the front concrete sidewalk and steps. There was a small hill in the front yard which was able to act as a safe backstop. I was standing in the street behind a patrol vehicle almost straight out from where the dog was standing. When the dog stopped in the safe location, I fired one round at the dog striking it in what appeared to be in the shoulder area. The dog immediately turned and ran behind the residence and then northbound behind the residences. Officer Loschiavo and I attempted to follow behind the dog. Sergeant Henry arrived on scene at that time and located the dog after it had turned back southbound and ran towards Cottage Street. Sergeant Henry advised us that the dog went into the woods behind the churches on South Cliff Street headed towards East Main Street.

Officer Loschiavo, Officer Diaz and I drove to East Main Street. I located the dog southbound on East Main Street. The dog slowed down and ran onto a steel stairway in the corner of the loading dock area of the building. The dog laid down on the landing of the stairway. Due to the surrounding structure, it was unsafe to attempt to dispatch the dog. Sergeant Henry arrived on East Main Street. Officer Oksenberg and Officer Diaz closed East Main Street between State Street and Kingston Avenue. While waiting to see what the dog was going to do next, dispatch advised me that the victim called from Griffin Hospital with further details. The victim, later identified as Steed Kaliszewski, stated that he had been watching the dogs at 34 Judson Place and was attacked by the grey pitbull with the white face and blue eyes. Officer Loschiavo advised me that she had seen a dog matching that description in the back yard of 34 Judson Place when we were at the residence. Steed stated that the

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white pitbull did not bite him at all. Animal Control Officer Roslonowski was contacted and responded to East Main Street. At that time, I was able to snare the dog and the dog was secured in the rear of the Animal Control vehicle. A female arrived on scene and identified herself as Lindsey Ciocci-Jeanette. She stated that she was a friend of the dog's owners Paul and Raquel Trapp. Lindsey stated that she wanted to take the dog to the Shoreline Emergency Animal Hospital to see if he could be treated. Due to the fact that the injured pitbull did not bite anyone, the dog was released into Lindsey's care. Animal Control Officer Roslonowski transported the dog to the Animal Hospital for her. The dog was later euthanized.

I went to Griffin Hospital to speak with Steed who stated that he was watching the dogs at 34 Judson Place for his sister Racquel Trapp and her husband Paul Trapp who owned the dogs. He stated that they were in New Jersey to pick up another pitbull. Steed stated that they rescue pitbulls that are going to be euthanized. He stated that there were five adult pitbulls and about fifteen puppies in the house. Steed stated that he took the white pitbull "Ice" for a walk and then returned to the house. He then took the gray pitbull "Zeus" for a walk and when he returned to the house, Zeus appeared to have been looking for Raquel and Paul. Zeus could not find them and then turned on Steed and started to attack him, biting him on both forearms. Steed had to back away from Zeus and leave the house because he continued to attack him. Once outside the house, Steed went to Griffin Hospital to be treated for several puncture wounds to both arms, several requiring stitches. Steed stated that when he left the house, the door must have been left open allowing Ice to escape. Steed stated that the other adult dog that was loose in the house was a brown pitbull named "Curtis". The two adult females, "Hallie" and "Annie Mae" were secured in the basement with their puppies.

Steed's mother, Margaret Williams was in the hospital room while I was there. Margaret stated that Zeus had bitten her on a previous occasion but did not report the incident. She stated that Zeus had bitten her in her butt on 12/25/2011 and she had to get eight stitches. Steed stated that he believed that Zeus had been trained by his previous owner as a guard dog.

Several hours after the incident, Paul Trapp arrived at the Ansonia Police Department. He confirmed that all of the remaining dogs were secured in the residence. He provided copies of all of the paperwork he had for the dogs including their rabies vaccination certificates. None of the dogs had been registered with the City of Ansonia and Paul stated that they are just providing temporary foster care for the dogs until they could be adopted out. Paul was advised that Zeus needed to be quarantined in the residence and was provided a copy of the quarantine instructions. He also signed a copy of the form agreeing to abide by the instructions. Copies of the documents were filed with this report and copies were also provided to Animal Control Officer Roslonowski who will follow up with Paul and Raquel.

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**PRESS RELEASE**

On 03-03-2012 at approximately 5:27 p.m. Ansonia Police received a 911 call that reported that there was a white pitbull that was running around the area of 5 Myrtle Ave and the dog had just “chewed up” a person, and that the dog was still running loose in the area. Police were sent to the area and neighbors pointed out that the dog was running on Judson Place. Officers located the white pitbull running behind the rear of 34 Judson Place.

Officers attempted to capture the dog but were unsuccessful. Based on the information that the officer had on scene at the time and the aggressive demeanor of the dog the officers it determined that the dog was a danger to area residents, the officer on scene made the decision that he had no choice but to shoot the dog. The dog was shot while it was in the front yard area of 34 Judson Place and it fled the area after being shot. The dog was later located in the area of East Main Street and was captured and brought to The Shoreline Veterinary Hospital where it was later euthanized.

In situations such as this officers are presented with information that has been relayed to them from complainants as well as information they gather on scene and must act based on information they have at the time in a manner appropriate to the situation. In this instance the officer was presented with information from the complainant that a person had just been bitten and brought to the hospital. The dog was loose and running around the neighborhood and the dog was acting aggressive when the officers tried to apprehend it. The officer conducted himself in a manner that was consistent with protecting other residents from perceived further harm.

The police department was presented with a 16 second video clip that shows the dog standing in the front yard prior to being shot. This video clip does not show any other area and does not show what the officers on scene were dealing with prior to the shot being fired and prior to the video clip. The officer made the decision that when the dog was stationary and in a safe spot where he could discharge his weapon he would shoot the dog.

According to Chief Hale, “Ansonia Officers were faced with a rapidly evolving situation, and based their actions on information provided to the by desk personnel and neighborhood residents. Their actions should be judged by what they knew to be true at the exact moment in time, not what was learned later.”